[3rd August 1932

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that the percentage of patients suffering from appendicitis in the several jails is increasing?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am not aware of that."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member whether Mr. Satyamurti, an ex Member of this House, is suffering from appendicitis?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"He is suspected to be suffering from appendicitis. I believe that the medical authorities have not yet come to a final conclusion."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government would consider the desirability of releasing him or suspending his remaining term of the sentence?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No such representation has been made to Government."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether the hon. Member will be pleased to place the information referred to in clauses (*a*) and (*b*)?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes."

Treatment in the General Hospital of 'A' class prisoners suffering from illness.

* 77 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when 'A' class prisoners suffer from illness and are sent to the General Hospital for treatment, in which ward they are placed; and

(*b*) what the cost per head is in the ward in which they are placed then and what the cost allowed for 'A' class prisoners in the jails is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The information has been called for.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether the information, when ready, will be placed on the table of the House?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes."

Supply of buttermilk to prisoners.

* 78 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have passed orders sanctioning the grant of buttermilk to prisoners; if so, when was the said order made and communicated to the Inspector-General of Prisons; and

(*b*) whether the said order has been put into operation and the prisoners in the jails been given buttermilk; if so, since which date are they being supplied with buttermilk?

A.—(a) The hon. Member apparently refers to the supply of buttermilk to 'C' class prisoners and if so, the answer is in the negative. The scale of diet for 'A' and 'B' class prisoners includes buttermilk or curd.

(b) Does not arise.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the hon. Member will be pleased to consider the advisability of supplying buttermilk to all classes of prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am afraid I cannot give an undertaking to that effect."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"May I ask the hon. Member whether it is as a question of policy or medical advice these 'C' class political prisoners are not supplied buttermilk?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The 'C' class prisoners are people not generally accustomed to buttermilk."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"May I know whether this conclusion has been come to by the Government on any enquiry or is it merely *a priori* opinion of the hon. Member and if no enquiry is necessary?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"This conclusion is based upon Government's knowledge of the habits of the people."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"May I know what authority the hon. Member has to say that 'C' class prisoners are not accustomed to buttermilk in their homes or what is the source of information from which he has come to this conclusion?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"On the general knowledge of Government."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"May I know whether the hon. Member knows the habits of people in districts other than Malabar?"

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"If buttermilk could be supplied so that the total cost did not exceed the cost under the present scale, I suppose the Government will have no objection to supply them with buttermilk."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I have gone into this question and I find that the cost of supplying buttermilk to all prisoners will be about 2 or 3 lakhs.

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Will the Government be pleased to receive contribution from the public or relations for supplying buttermilk to these prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"If the Government find that their statement about the need of supplying buttermilk is not correct

[3rd August 1932

and that the 'C' class prisoners are accustomed to buttermilk, then will they be pleased to supply buttermilk to them?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"That depends upon the information which may be placed before me."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Will the Government be pleased to state if they tried to substitute any other thing for buttermilk without exceeding the cost?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if the Superintendents of Jails have not recommended the supply of buttermilk without any extra cost being incurred?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"They have not."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Is it merely the question of cost
11-30 a.m. that has made the hon. the Law Member think that buttermilk is not required for 'C' class prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It is not the question of cost alone."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know the reason why the Government is so much opposed to buttermilk?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Because all the prisoners do not require it."

* 79 *Q.*—[*Cancelled.*]

Law and Order—General

Return of the thali belonging to Mrs. Prabhu.

* 80 *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the *thali* belonging to Mrs. Prabhu was returned to her; and

(*b*) if not, in whose possession it now is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The *thali* is in the office of the District Magistrate of Malabar. It has been ordered to be returned on application to Mr. or Mrs. Prabhu who have been informed accordingly.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether the Government would return the *thali* to the party concerned without any application from her?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I am prepared to consider the suggestion."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"Was there any correspondence between the Government and Mr. and Mrs. Prabhu?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Between the jail authorities and Mr. and Mrs Prabhu."